ever met, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government state the result of such meeting or meetings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No Committee as such has been constituted. The Chief Engineer, Director of Public Health and Panchayats and the Manager, Paliam Estate, have been asked to consult one another and draw up a scheme for the improvement of the communication facilities in Chennamangalam. The Chief Engineer has now circulated certain proposals to the other two officers. The officers concerned will meet, if found necessary, later.

JUBILEE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL—FURNISHING OF—EXPENDITURE, ETC.

82. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred by Government for furnishing the Jubilee Memorial Town Hall with articles of furniture;

(*b*) the name of firm or person who undertook to make the articles of furniture;

(*c*) the amount paid to the firm or person who supplied the articles of furniture;

(*d*) whether tenders were called for before entrusting the work;

(*e*) the name of officer who check-measured and took charge of the articles.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Rs. 3,450.

(*b*) Mr. P. V. Kurup, Proprietor, The National Furniture Co., Ernakulam.

(*c*) Rs. 3,450 as cost of the articles and a sum of Rs. 100 as bonus.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The Assistant Engineer, Central Division.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Why was this bonus granted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This work was not executed by contract. The bonus was granted in consideration of the good work done.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There have been several instances where some sort of consideration has been granted for satisfactory work.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* It is not tender reduction, but bonus. These are all the same things.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Was there any tender reduction? Was the work given on an estimate rate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was given on the basis of a quotation received from a firm.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Was any estimate prepared for it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. We only called for quotations.

Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Trichur-South):* From how many?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* From Mr. P. V. Kurup, National Furniture Co., Ernakulam and the Furniture Co., Kallai.

Mr. C. R. Iyyuni *(Trichur-South):* Any notification regarding tenders?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No. We only called for quotations.

BRIDGE OVER SHANMUKHAM CANAL—NECESSITY OF

83. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the average depth of the "Shanmukham Canal" at the present stage;

(*b*) is there any bridge or any such arrangement for the people to cross that canal at present;

(*c*) has it been brought to the kind notice of our Government the inconvenience and danger of life caused thereby;

(*d*) has it been brought to the notice of the Government that there were instances of two deaths recently at Shanmukham Canal;

(*e*) have the Government investigated about the causes of these deaths;

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